

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**CORRECTION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, may I correct the annual report of the Department of Public Works which was filed yesterday. There is a printer's error at page 17. I should like to make a correction by inserting the figure "2" before the figures—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I take it that the hon. member is asking to correct a paper which has been filed?

**Mr. Walker:** Yes. I am writing the clerk asking that the correction be noted. I was under the impression that I was obliged to bring the matter to the attention of the house.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure whether the minister needs leave to make a statement in order to make such a correction, because I do not recall a correction of a departmental paper having been made in the past. Otherwise it is by way of statement or information. Has the minister leave to make the statement in question?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Walker:** Thank you. On page 17 of the annual report of the department I am asking to have inserted before the figures \$263,744.56, the figure "2" so that it will read \$2,263,744.56. It makes a substantial difference.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** May I ask the Minister of Public Works whether this report was printed by the printing bureau?

**Mr. Walker:** I am happy to say that it was printed by the printing bureau, Mr. Speaker, and also that the French version is correct.

**REQUEST FOR UP-TO-DATE GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE BOOK**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. T. Richard (Ottawa East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works when we may expect to get a telephone book that is up-to-date. The last one is for 1958.

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that the matter will be attended to at the earliest possible moment.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF QUEEN'S PRINTER**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier):** May I ask not the Minister of Public Works but the Prime Minister when he expects to appoint a queen's printer?

*The Address—Mr. Morissette*

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** That matter is receiving the fullest consideration.

**Mr. Chevrier:** It has been doing so for some time.

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. EMILIE MORISSETTE AND SECONDED BY MRS. JEAN CASSELMAN

The house proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

*(Translation):*

**Mr. Emilien Morissette (Rimouski):** I am hardly in the habit of making speeches, especially speeches requiring the degree of eloquence which befits momentous occasions. It was not therefore without some misgivings that I accepted the honour which the Right Hon. Prime Minister saw fit to bestow on the people of my riding, by inviting their representative to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

It is therefore on behalf of those people that I wish to express my appreciation to him and recall his triumphal visit in our district last fall, a visit which clearly showed the high esteem enjoyed by him and his government.

My task in moving the address is made easier for I shall merely have to state facts and figures that will reveal the meaning of the enthusiastic demonstrations which greeted the Hon. Prime Minister in our province. And, since I have referred to my province, may I mention at this point that it has twice been cruelly stricken since the end of the last session.

Last September, the province of Quebec lost in the person of the Hon. Maurice Duplessis, a chief whose undeniable worth will henceforth place him among the political men who have left their mark on Canadian history. The province of Quebec, for its part, owes him its industrial development, the re-organization of its agriculture, the drawing up of its labour legislation, the establishment of its social security measures and the gigantic advance of its education at all levels.

History will recognize that he gave our province its true political stature and placed it among the economically powerful provinces. This alone entitles him to our gratitude. For